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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005 for three(3) months from September 21, 2005 to December 21, 2005. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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